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PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 02886.0084

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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Seiji OKAWARA ) Group Art Unit: 1764  
)  
Serial No.: 10/660,707 ) Examiner: K. V. Handal  
)  
Filed: September 12, 2003 ) Confirmation No.: 7678  
)  
For: FILTER CATALYST FOR )  
PURIFYING EXHAUST GASES )  
AND ITS MANUFACTURING )  
METHOD THEREOF )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

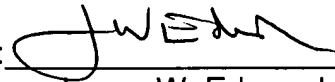
In an Office Action dated August 29, 2006, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between Group I - claims 1-14, drawn to a filter catalyst; or Group II - claim 15, drawn to a manufacturing method of filter. Applicants elect to prosecute Group I, claims 1-14 drawn to a filter catalyst.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: September 25, 2006

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